

**REMARKS**

In response to the Official Action of November 16, 2006, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitation of claim 9. This limitation of claim 9 is presented in claim 1 in a manner that overcomes the rejection of claim 9 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph.

Furthermore, claims 27 and 35 have been amended to include the limitation of claim 29 therein. Claims 9 and 29 have been canceled in view of this amendment. This amendment to claims 1, 27 and 35 is made pursuant to the suggestion made at page 9 of the Official Action under the "Allowable Subject Matter" section.

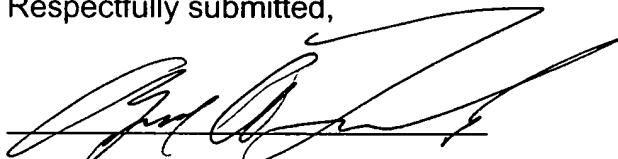
Claim 11 has been amended to delete usage of the phrase "a step of".

All of the dependent claims ultimately depend from an allowed independent claim.

In view of the foregoing, all of the claims of the present application are believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

The undersigned respectfully submits that no fee is due for filing this Amendment. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to deposit account 23-0442 any fee deficiency required to submit this paper.

Respectfully submitted,



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